

Application No. 09/560,046
Attorney's Docket No. 028870-224

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15-37 were pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 15-16, 20, 23, 24, 26, 29 and 32-37 have now been canceled without prejudice to the subject matter defined thereby. Claims 17-18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 remain in the application.

Claims 18, 19, 21 and 22 were allowed. Claims 17, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims objected to have been rewritten as required. All other claims have been canceled without prejudice to the subject matter defined thereby and reserving the right to file a continuation application directed to such subject matter. In view thereof, the pending claims are all allowable.

Further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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